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STUDENTS of music would do well to pause occasionally and consider the future of the ally and consider the future of their art, as well as its aspects in the past and present.

N the last number of THE COURIER, music was regarded. in this respect, with special reference to man's more refined sensuous perceptions and increased intelligence; it now remains to speak of it in relation to his emotions.

TILL the ability we now possess of making gases impalpable powders, woolen goods and other nonconductors of sound sing notes of different pitches, by placing them in a beam of light made intermittent at different degrees of velocity, lead to the formation of new musical instruments?

THE Chinese are very fastidious respecting qualities of tone, and regard over the control of the and therefore unworthy artists. Will our pianists therefore try to acquire a more intelligent and sensitive "touch" that tones of greater beauty and variety may be obtained from the instrument? Will the makers, having now succeeded in producing powerful tones, now turn their attention more directly to the formation of those of purer quality?

OTING the tendency to the predominance of sibilant, labial and dental sounds over gutturals in modern languages, and the fact that some ancient languages require very little to make them vocal music, it may be thought that ordinary speech was originally song. It is certain that quantity as a factor of language is gradually being eliminated, and that accent or stress is becoming the chief musical element remaining in ordinary parlance. The omission of many vowel sounds in writing, and their quickened utterance in speech, threatens to leave words a mere scaffolding or framework of consonants.

HIS elimination of vowel tones destroys the oppor tunity of the speaker to dwell upon them and fill the words with liquid and undulating sounds; and thus to call up by the power of sympathy the required emotion. As a result this emotion will only come after reflection on the spoken facts. The sentence "I grieve for him," has a very different effect on the feelings when the word grieve" is spoken slowly, than when it is uttered indifferently and at the average speed. It therefore becomes a question if, now that our language is becoming less and less an instrument of the soul, and more and more one of the intellect, music will not become a still greater necessity as a language of the emotions. If so it must be studied in all its schools, pyschologically, and not as now only designed by a few composers of the first rank.

WHEN it is remembered that music appeals so directly and intimately to the mysterious world of our own peculiar feelings and inclinations, it is remarkable that so many fundamental principles have been laid down in all its departments. Yet one may see how readily the basis of a scale of emotion may be formed in the department of harmony. For, take the chord of nature in its most perfect proportions, or that of the dominant seventh, and let it be the expression of peaceful contentment; now, every note raised one semitone will add one degree of excitement, and every note low ered one degree will give correspondingly one degree of depression. This is merely a practical application of the knowledge of the facts that a minor chord is sorrowful, because one of its notes is slightly lower than in the normal form; and that the method of tuning the pianoforte, which makes all the major thirds a little too high, increases the brilliancy of the instrument.

THE Chinese are not usually credited with being overreligious, yet they have sufficient veneration to reverence their seniors, and their pipe organ is invested with a certain sacred character, because in its formation materials are selected from the three kingdoms of Nature, in the belief that not only man, but all creation should praise its Maker. The metal tongues represent the mineral kingdom; the goose neck, the animal; the bam-

boo pipes and the gourd, the vegetable kingdom. scientific discoveries prove that we may proceed farther and compel all insensate things to join in our anthem of praise, having choruses of vapors of iodine respond to choruses of flames of fire, and those of cotton wool to answer antiphonally to those of lamp-black. Who can say what will not be accomplished in the future? We shall soon have the power to utilize all known things in a musical score and to harmonize their utterances with our own, and thus to form a mighty Doxology-a grand and universal consensus of all Nature and the voice of man.

ANY questions which are less general in their character start up whenever the future of musical art is under consideration, such as: Will vocal music once more return to the declamatory style of the ancients, by proceeding in the path opened by Rubinstein and some other modern composers? Will sacred music return to the essentially sacred style known as the fourth species of counterpoint, or will it continue to be still further secularized by the employment of the forms of the march and dance at slower paces, as in Gounod's masses and by the use of rhythmic motions, simulating gestures and external actions, rather than sublime harmonies affecting the soul? Will mathematicians devise some new temperament that will enable musicians to make music in perfect tune by the observance of certain restrictive laws in their combinations and progressions of tones, and will composers be found who will avail themselves of such labors, and thus form a school as utterly unlike the present as can be imagined, seeing that our new art of music depends on connecting notes being unaltered in pitch?

#### MINOR TOPICS.

AFTER much litigation and many delays, the "Wood Musical College" is likely to be built and to become an in-stitution of the city. Surrogate Calvin has decided that there had been no undue influence to obtain Mr. Wood's bequest for the erection and endowment of the college, and that if there had been at first, Mr. Wood had had ample time to alter his will with regard to this before he died. The Surrogate, therefore, averred that the action was both free and in telligent, and thus asserts that the codicil of the will shall stand, the testimony taken having proved the soundness of Mr. Wood's intellect at the time it was added to the body of There is now, therefore, almost \$1,000,000 waiting to be expended in the construction and maintenance of a grand musical college. It is to be devoutly hoped that the city will be given an institution that shall sing the praises of the whole country, and that no trickery or mismanagement shall lessen the service which such a large sum intelligently disbursed can cause to the "Divine Art.

MASSENET'S new three-act "opera," or, as it has been styled, "dramatic oratorio," Hérodiade, has at last been produced at the Théâtre de la Monnaie, Brussels, and with much success. It is a serious work, and report says that the score is full of beautiful passages. The orchestration, as in all modern compositions, is rich, elaborate and effective, so much so that the vocal parts are often overshadowed by it. The interpretation was not satisfactory. Verguet, the Paris tenor, sang the rôle of John the Baptist; Mlle. Duvivier took the part of Salonne (the real heroine of the work); M. Man-sury was the Herod. A sacred march, a ballet of Jewish girls, a picturesque ballet in the third act created the most favorable impression. The plot of the opera is, of course, Biblical, but the authors of the libretto have eschewed the plain story of the Bible, and, therefore, the story is not historically correct. It is doubtful whether subjects taken from the Bible can be adapted for the stage without much of their sacred character being lost.

THE annual performance of Handel's "Messiah' Christmas has become an established custom in this city. In England the practice antedates that of this country by many years. If anything were calculated to bestow immortality on the work of a mortal, surely an annual Christmas performance of such work is the means whereby it is attained. Whatever modern musicians may say about the "Messiah," it is a work full of grandeur and pathos, and strongly appeals to those whose technical knowledge of music is nil. natural that a work written so many years ago should sound in a measure old-fashioned, especially with regard to the handling of the orchestra; but modern composers have not yet excelled Handel or Bach in the effective treatment of voices, and for choral writing they have not yet been approached. Double choruses are not a distinctive feature of modern sacred compositions. The interest taken in the per-formance of the "Messiah" is plainly manifest by the crowded audiences that attend both the public rehearsal and concert given by the Oratorio Society of it.

THE new Casino, at Broadway and Thirty-ninth street, is rapidly being pushed toward completion. The arsomewhat confident that the structure will be in readiness for the opening of the season, the time for which has been set in April. Rudolph Aronson is to be the mu. sical director, and intends to do the most he can to make the place popular, by securing the most attractions possible The architecture, according to report, will be in the Moorisl style, rough red brick, stone, and polished terra cotta form ing the chief materials employed on the exterior. The interior decorations will be white, old gold and blue. Some 1,400 persons can be accommodated in the theatre of the building, which will in many respects resemble the theatre attached to the Newport Casino. A roof garden for promenade concerts, &c., will be called into requisition in the warm weather. The Casino is intended for use for various purposes in both hot and cold weather—a place of amuse. ent, in fact, for every day throughout the year.

#### BRIEFS AND SEMI-BRIEFS.

.... Mme. Albani is expected in Berlin shortly.

.... Christine Nilsson has been singing in London.

... Miss Kellogg's farewell concert in Cincinnati will take place on January 5.

....Cardinal Newman is eighty-one years old and still loves the music of the violin.

....The English newspapers speak very highly of Marie Rose-Mapleson's singing in oratorio. She has recently been heard in the "Elijah" and "Judas Maccabeus."

....On February I, Wagner's "Lohengrin" will be given in Paris for the first time. The performance will take place at the Théâtre des Nations, and will be in Italian.

.... Speaking of concerts, the London World says that nandsome young women usually take so long to dress for their appearance that they should not be put down for the beginning of the programme.

....Mr. Mapleson's company opened a season of Italian opera at the Boston Theatre on the 26th inst. "William Tell," "Aida," "Carmen," "Rigoletto" and "Lohengrin" were the operas for the five first performances.

.... The musical critic of the London World is strong in his review of those pages of Liszt's new edition of Chopin, in which he accuses the Hebrews of combining what others create, and wishes that they be driven to Palestine.

.... A New Orleans paper says that the only difference be-tween Catharine Lewis and Emma Abbott in "Olivette" is that when the former gets a recall she kicks off her slipper; but when Abbott gets one she sings the well-known hymn 'Thy will be done.

....W. E. Mulligan, the talented young organist of St. Stephen's Church, in East Twenty-eighth street, produced on Christmas Day Ambroise Thomas' "Messe Solonelle" and Mozart's "Vespers," with a full chorus and the usual choir of solo artists.

....The London Daily News announces that Mr. Sullivan, the composer, has gone to Egypt for the winter for the benefit of his health, and that he will there complete the music for a new comic opera which is to be produced simultaneously in England and America.

.... Hopfrenrath's Erben (Hopfenrath's Heirs), a musical comedy in five acts, by Henry Wilken, the music by G. Michaelis, was produced at the Germania Theatre last week. It was handsomely put upon the stage, admirably acted and greatly entertained a fashionable audience.

.... The Oratorio Society gave the "Messiah" on Wednesday evening, December 28, the public rehearsal occurring on the afternoon of the preceding day. Hattie Louise Sims, Anna Drasdil, A. C. King and Franz Remmertz were the solo singers. Dr. Damrosch conducted, as usual.

....Mme. Geistinger, with her company, has been engaged to give a series of performances in San Francisco, beginning in February next. The music lovers of the Pacific coast will find in Mme. Geistinger one of the most versatile and accomplished artists that has appeared in this country.

....On Thursday evening, December 23, an elaborate souvenir illustrated programme was distributed at the Standard Theatre, on the occasion of the one hundredth performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Patience," This charming work continues to receive popular appreciation, and seems likely to last all winter.

.. The D'Oyly Carte "Patience" Company at the Standard Theatre continues to fill the house nightly. sent out to America it was considered exceedingly doubtful if the piece would "take," but that it will outrun the famous "Pirates of Penzance" in the number of its representations is more than assured.

....L. F. Harrison, known for years as an efficient manager, gave a concert at Steinway Hall last week. The artists were Mile. Zelle de Lussan, Mrs. De Lano, the Meigs Sisters' vocal quartet, S. B. Mills, Mr. Fritch, Mr. Gottschalk, and the New York Philharmonic Club, with Messrs. Fradel, Colby, Pratt, and Harrison as accompanists.

.... A Parisian musical success called "La Girouette" Weathercock), by Hennery and . Bocage, the music by M. Coedes, has been secured by Augustin Daly, and will probably be the attraction at Daly's Theatre next succeeding "The Passing Regiment." The piece is a comic operetta in three acts, and had a run at the Théâtre Fantaisies Parisiennes. Mr. Daly proposes to take advantage of the adapta-bility of the piece to the introduction of novel and interesting musical features.

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....Adelina Patti had great success at Philadelphia in her two concerts. The Academy of Music was crowded. Nicolini was received with great coolness.

.. The ladies of the L. Benevolent Society, of Charlotte ville, Va., will give the cantata of "Esther" some time next month. The rehearsal will come off in about two weeks. The concert will be given for the benefit of the society.

....The Cecilian Society, of Philadelphia, under the able direction of Michael Cross, and accompanied by the Germania Orchestra, sang the "Messiah" at the Academy of Music, on December 22. The soloists were Miss Winans, Miss Osgood, and Messrs. Winch and Toedt.

....The Oratorio Society of Baltimore had its first public rehearsal of the season on Thursday evening, and its first concert last night at the Fifth Regiment Armory. Men-delssohn's Oratorio "St. Paul," was given, with the following soloists : Anna Louise Simms, soprano; Antonia Henne alto; Jules Jordan, tenor; Franz Remmertz, bass; conductor, Fritz Fincke; organist, Harold Randolph.

....At the Christmas entertainment of the Bordentown Female College, the following musical numbers were rendered in a creditable manner by students and members of the faculty; "Ave Maria" from "Loreley;" Mendelssohn quartet, "Prayer from Mosè in Egitto;" Rossini, four-hand quarter, "March from Tannhauser," Wagner, and fantaisie from "Don Sebastien," Donizetti; "Boating Song," No. 6 of Mendelssohn's "Songs without Words;" vocal duo, "The Hunter," by Kücken; vocal solo, "The Alpine Rose," by Sieber; cavatina from "Robert le Diable," and "L'Addio," vocal duo, by Nicolai.

#### THE ORGAN, PIANO AND YOICE.

... Pauline Lucca has always been acknowledged an artist of great power. Her interpretation of many of the chief rôles in grand operas has been the subject of unstinted praise.

Last spring she was the cause of much concern to her managers, on account of a serious indisposition that had seized her, which made it necessary for her to abstain from public performances for some time. At last accounts she was in Vienna, and was expected to appear not only in the usual parts of her former répertoire, but also in several new charac-ters. As Sclika, in "Africaine," she created a deep impression when the opera was first performed in London, at the Covent Garden Theatre. Also in "Faust" her success was unced. Not many of the new artists who have recently made their début abroad are likely ever to achieve the high distinction which Pauline Lucca now deservedly enjoys.

...Persistency is an admirable quality, as much so in an artist as any one else. Walter Bache, the well-known London pianist, appears to possess this characteristic in a high degree. Despite hostile criticism, openly expressed, or proffered in sarcastic terms, Mr. Bache has not been induced to forego his efforts to make the music of Liszt popular. So far, but little progress has been made, the prospect of accomplishing his aim being as hopeless as ever, yet, in view of all this discouragement, he toils uninterruptedly for the longedfor goal. His success in the future is truly problematical, for not many liberal-minded musicians become enthusiastic over Liszt's compositions, unless it be for their admirable workmanship. As for Liszt's music ever becoming popular, even in a narrow sense of the term, no one whose judgment is not hopelessly biased, would venture to predict such a possi-

.... Henry Ketten, the pianist, who was here a year or two ago with the Carlotti Patti Concert Troupe, has been playing in Italy with great success. One journal remarks th an artist upon whom nature lavished her gifts, and that he has an absolute independence of finger and a surprising memory. The writer further asserts, that he possesses that individuality, without which it is impossible for a performer to be rated above mediocrity. One of the most pronounced manifestations of this individuality, is that nervous impetuosity which many times in romantic compositions, where passion and dramatic effect are demanded (for example, in Schubert's "Erl King") helps him, but, at other times, is out of place, as in some of Beethoven's "sonatas," Bach's Italian "concerto," &c. There is no doubt that he may rightly be considered an excellent piano virtuoso, but in no sense is he great in the sense that Rubinstein, Bulow or Joseffy is.

.... A correspondent of the London Musical Times makes complaint against organists extemporizing long preludes before anthems, and expresses it as his opinion that the practice is carried on to some extent throughout England. He recites his attendance at a service in which one of Sir F. G. Ouseley's anthems was sung, and asserts that it was preceded by an "introductory fantaisie," not only totally different in character to the music of the anthem, but at least as long as the anthem itself. To make matters worse, the or-ganist guilty of this artistic incongruity was one quite well known and possessed of real ability. No true musician can conscientiously countenance such a violation of good taste, seeing that if the anthem is considered worthy of performance the composer's idea should be respected and carried out to the letter. Modern performers have too loose ideas about additions to every class of work. It is a reprehensible

.... A writer in a London journal has rightly said that to suppose Bach would set his face against the use of the full resources of a modern organ for giving greater life and variety to his compositions for his favorite instrument is absurd. This assertion is quite correct, for Bach enthusiasts often forget that had their favorite composer lived even in the time of Mendelssohn, or had the organ in his day been modeled after what it is at present, his compositions would present very different features to what they do now. Great as Bach's imperishable works are, there is a certain sameness about them which somewhat tires, if a number of them are consecutively performed. Bach wrote for the organ of his time and country. The orchestral features of the instrument were unknown then, and rapid changes of stops had not been thought of. What changes were made were chiefly those of playing different passages on different manuals. Bach would have been great at any time.

.... A romantic story is told in a recent issue of Le Guide Musical. The chief officer of the Paris Conservatory recently had occasion to acknowledge a generous gift of 10,000 francs, sent for the purpose of purchasing musical instruments.

Although the donor's name was withheld, he is understood to be the Duke de Campo-Salice, who is no other than M. Reubsaet, a talented singer who studied in the Brussels Conservatoire, and who had some success in his short career. M. Reubsaet married the widow of Mr. Singer, the person of sewing machine fame. It is averred he discovered his claim to the title of Duke de Campo-Salice in some old family papers. A short account of his life is given by E. Gregoir, in his "Documents historiques relatifs à l'art musical," wherein it is stated that Victor Nicolas Reubsaet was born in He played both the violin and cornet, and was professor at the music school of Groningen. He owned a fine tenor voice, and in 1867 took tenor parts at the Brussels Flemish Théâtre du Cirque. M. Reubsaet obtained the first prize for singing at the Conservatoire directed by M. Fétis, and after-ward studied in Paris with Duprez, subsequently singing at concerts in Belgium and England.

.... What is the ideal of pianoforte playing? Answers this question would vary with each individual's taste. It is said that Chopin placed the ideal of piano playing very high. He had a beautiful style, and those who remember his execution say that it was perfect, but perhaps not weighty enough. In this respect Joseffy fails, although with regard to delicacy he stands pre-eminent. Chopin's touch was the most exquisite, a single phrase sufficing to charm his hearers. For a combination of excellencies, Rubinstein may always be quoted. He had a velvet touch when he liked to exhibit it, and titanic power when passages called for its use In Bülow's playing sentiment and warmth were apparently absent, and in its stead stood prominently out intellectuality and scholarship. Altogether, no one performer reaches a cultivated musician's ideal. There is always something or other lacking, which something varies according to the edu-cation, taste and temperament of every musician.

.... Foreign journals say that Franz Rummel, so well received in New York recently, has met with such success in Berlin that he intends to settle there permanently. As a piano virtuoso Mr. Rummel stands very high, and but for certain mannerisms would delight intelligent auditors in a still greater degree. His enthusiasm cannot be questioned, and his energetic style of playing was well calculated to carry his hearers along with him. Of course, with such a decided individuality, his interpretations of masterworks varied greatly. Chopin's music was not the best suited to show his various excellencies, but in Schumann's and Liszt's works he neverfailed to make an admirable impression. He betrayed a tendency to force the piano somewhat, not uncommon in modern pianists. In this way the tone of the instrument was often harsher than it would have been in the hands of other less masculine performers. Altogether, Mr. Rummel was an artist with uncommon talent.

#### FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF.

Les Pontins," the new comic opera by M. Montaigne and G. Hue, has had the parts distributed among Miles. Cécile Mézeray and Molé, MM. Monliérat, Vermouillet and Picca-luga....It is rumored that Camille Saint Saëns intends giving up playing in public, in order to devote himself entirely to composition....Antony Garnault, brother of the admiral of that name, has written a collection of pieces under the title, "Eighteen Melodies," which are highly praised.... Le Minestrel announces that Clément Brontin, holder of the "Prix de Rome" in 1878, has returned to Paris. He is now at work upon an opera in four acts, the libretto by E. Guinand. The work bears the title "Boabdil," and the scene is laid in Spain during the downfall of the Moorish government....W. S. Rockstro is engaged upon a popular "Life of Handel," which will be published by Macmillan & Co.....An English version of Lecocy's latest opera, "Le Jour et la Nuit," is soon to be produced at the Strand Theatre, London...The "Promessi Sposi," of Petrella, was recently successfully performed at the Scribe Theatre, Torino, by the Melodramatic Society at that place....Another star is about to disappear. The celebrated Croizette abandons the Theatre of the Comedie Française in order to marry a star, a humorous song on "Castle Garden as an Emigrant Landing-

rich banker of Paris named Stern, which is the German nam for star....Romeo Orsi, inventor of the clarinet with double tonality, has been named Cavalier of the Crown of Italy.... The San Carlo Theatre, Naples, is being decorated for the approaching season .... The impresario, Bolognini, has rented the theatre of the "Cercle de Méditerranée" for 20,000 francs for the purpose of giving Italian opera. The opened on Christmas Day...Renzo Masutto, son of Maestro Giovanni, has finished a great work of the descriptive order, entitled "Le grande manovre." He is now music teacher in Cairo.... "Alda" at the Paris Opera has reached its seventieth representation, the receipts amounting to 1.257,123 francs....There has just been published the private life of Enrico Petrella, written by his daughter, Clelia.....

The opera by Maestro Impallomemi, "Fatima" and not "Fantina"), has been withdrawn from the Palermo stage....

According to Egyptian journals, Gounod is about to pay
Cairo a visit.... A new opera, called "Zuma," by Fornari,
was recently given at the Bellini Theatre, Naples, directed by the composer in person. It was well performed and proved highly successful....At the Circo Ferdinando, Madrid, a short time ago, there was a beginning of a fire, caused by a jet of gas; but fortunately it was immediately extinguished....The Philharmonic Academy, Bologna, has undertaken the publication of the "Catalogue of Autographic Collections," presented to it by Masseangelo Masseangeli....
In the first "Elite Concert" of this season, at the Berlin Winter Garden, the celebrated Edwig Rolandt sung, and the pianist Pirani played with much success ... At the Galeries, Brussels, will soon be put in study a comic opera in one act, entitled "Il Tricorno," music by Laurent de Rillé....In the Corridor of the Paris Opera are to be placed the busts of Saint Hubertz and the ballet dancer Gardel....The celebrated violinist Sarasate has recently been in Frankfort. He will go to Russia, then Italy, and afterward will appear in England.

#### A Welsh Christmas Festivai.

THE Welsh residents of the city of New York had a thoroughly characteristic celebration of the Christmas holiday yesterday at Chickering Hall, when the annual Eisteddfod was held. Sessions were held in the morning, afternoon and evening, and large audiences were present at each session, including natives and descendants of natives of Wales from Brooklyn and Utica, N. Y.; Philadelphia and Scranton, Pa.; Elizabeth, Newark and Jersey City, N. J.; and New Haven and Bridgeport, Conn. The hall was simply decorated, the only attempt in this way being on the wall in the rear of the stage, where a banner with Welsh mottoes and the duo dragon was displayed, it being flanked on one side by the American flag and on the other by the British flag Above this trio of banners was a wreath, the only bit of green displayed, and surmounting this the motto, "Coreu-arf arf dyso," which in English means "The best weapon is the weapon of knowledge," a most appropriate motto for the Eisteddfod, which was, as one of the adjudicators pronounced it, an intellectual and musical wrestling match. The Rev. Dr. Llewellyn D. Bevan officiated as conductor at all the sessions, and was assisted in his duties by ductor at all the sessions, and was assisted in his duties by a committee consisting of Samuel R. Jones (secretary), John Lewis (treasurer), the Rev. D. D. Davies, Evan Davies, William James, William Jeremiah, Aneurin Jones, Robert Lewis, William Lewis, Thomas C. Powell, J. W. Parsons Price, Hugh Roberts, Evan Williams, Richard Williams, Jr., and William H. Williams. In opening the exercises of the day, Dr. Bevan alluded in felicitous terms to the characteristics of the Welsh people, their sturdiness, morality and intellectuality, and then in a factious wein he referred to intellectuality, and then, in a facetious vein, he referred to their love for their language, which they cherish because of its antiquity. Adam and Eve were Welshmen and spoke the language in its purity until after the fall, when, he supposes, the English language was used. He supposed that the Welsh would be the language in Paradise, as it had been in the Garden of Eden. The Hon. Horatio Gates Jones, of Pennsylvania, served as president at the morning session, and referred to the pride justly felt by the Welsh people in the fact that a Welshman, Roger Williams, was the first to introduce into this country the doctrine of religious liberty. He also referred with evident sarisfaction to the fact that the Welsh nation had never been wiped out of existence, as it had never been united to England by any act of union. The first competition of the session was a mixed duet for a prize of \$10, for which there were three pairs of competitors, the successful ones being Miss N. D. Campbell and H. C. Frink, of New York city. The prize of \$10 for the best rendering of the bass solo, "The Tempest," was divided between H. M. Hyman, of New York, and Henry E. Jones, of Hyde Park, Pa. To the Rev. J. G. Lewis, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., was awarded the prize of \$20 for the best pryddest (ode) on "The Obelisk." The prize of \$8 for translations of selections from Bunyan and Chater briand into Welsh, was divided between H. M. Edwards, of Hyde Park, Pa., and Hugh G. Thomas, Middle Granville, N. Y. For the best rendering of the trio, "Fair Flora Decks," the prize of \$15 was awarded to Owen E. Owens, G. E. Owen, and John Evans, of New York city. The prizes not awarded were \$25 for the Essay on "History and Peculiarities of Political Parties in the United States," \$10 for a



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place;" \$15 for essay on "The Influence of Nonconformity on Liberty; \$10 for sight-singing; \$8 for a translation of Gwledd Belsasar into English; these not being awarded because there were not among the competitors any whose work was of sufficient excellence to merit a prize.

The Rev. Dr. S. Irenæus Prime was president at the afternoon session, and Owen Jones, vice-president. On taking the chair Dr. Prime said he was not a Welshman, though he would like to have been born one, for he always had the greatest admiration for Welsh characteristics and ability. During the competitions the Rev. Dr. John Hall, who was one of the guests on the stage, was introduced as one who ought to have been born a Welshman, but who had had the missortune to be born across the Channel in Ireland. Dr. Hall asserted that the Welsh preachers were the ablest in the world, and advised the Welshmen to perpetuate the traditions and religious training of their country, which have in the past made the people of Northern Wales the most intelligent, diligent and God-fearing people in the world. Dr. Bevan made an illusion to the late Sir Hugh Owens, and the committee was instructed to forward to his family a suitable tribute of respect to his memory from this Eisteddfod. The competitions and the prizes awarded at the afternoon session as follows: Ten dollars for the best rendering of the alto solo, "The Old Street Lamp," to Miss N. D. Campbell, of New York; \$5 for an Englyn (ode) to "Y. Cof." (Memory), to William Thomas Glaslwyn, of Hyde Park, Pa.; \$10 for singing the duet "Flow Gently, Deva," to H. M. Hyman and Charles H. Thompson, of this city; \$10 for reciting Geoledd Belsassar;" \$2 for a drawing of a bust of Danie Webster, to Arthur Trehearne, of New York city; \$10 for singing "Love Lies Bleeding," divided between Charles H. Thompson, of New York, and W. H. Macully, of Jersey City; \$8 for a translation of "Trioedd yr awen," divided between Thomas C. Powell and another competitor; \$25 for the best rendering of the quartet, "Lovely Night," to four gentlemen from Scranton, Pa. The afterno pleasantly closed with a recitation by Lizzie Harris, of Hyde Park, in Welsh, the subject being "The Destruction of Pharaoh and His Hosts in the Sea," and in its delivery the gutteral Welsh seemed musical.

At the evening sessing the hall was filled to its utmost caacity. Postmaster-General James, of this city, presided Dr. Bevan introduced him as the best lettered man in the country, and in behalf of the Welsh people said he was sorry that Mr. James could not be retained in the position he can fill more ably than any other man in the United States. On taking the chair the Postmaster-General spoke as follows :

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: Such a welcome as you have extended to me can only be inspired by the fact that you have not forgotten that the martyred President, James A. Garfield, had called a descendant of one of your countrymen to be one of his constitutional advisers [prolonged applause], for I am not foolish enough to think that this great ovation is due to anything that is personal in me. Congratulating you most heartily upon the success that has attended the exercises of the day, let me express the hope that your voices to-night will be in tuneful accord with those which rang out to startle shepherds on that first Christmas Eve, and whose

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Echoes roll from soul to soul, And flow forever and forever,'

proclaiming 'On earth peace, good-will to men.' Ladiel and gentlemen, I return my sincere thanks for the honor that has been conferred upon me this evening in being chosen to preside over your deliberations."

The musical contests of the evening were sharply contested, particularly that for the three-hundred dollar prize, to be given for the best rendering of the chorus, "Rise up, arise," from Mendelssohn's "St. Paul." The contestants were the Lackawanna Choral Society, of Scranton, Pa., and the Manhattan Choral Union, of New York city. Both societies numbered a hundred members, and sang very finely and with excellent taste and evidences of careful training. The prize was divided between the competing choruses, the judges being unable to say which was the better of the tw the points of merit and demerit being so nearly equal. The New York Glee Club was successful in the competition for the prize of \$75 offered to the mail chorus who should give the best rendering of the choruses, "Happiest Land" (Hatton) and "Hiraeth" (Price). The prize of \$25 for the best rendering of the mixed quartet, "God is a Spirit," was divided between H. M. Hyman and party and William James and party, both of New York city. The six ladies who competed for the soprano solo were each awarded a prize of \$5. Jennie Harris, of Hyde Park, received a prize of \$5 for the best recitation of "The Old Oaken Bucket." A prize of \$50 for the best musical composition for a club song for the Camthe best musical composition for a club song for the Cambrian Bowling Club was divided between G. Elmer Jones, of Utica, and a composer with the nom deplume of "Philemon." A prize of \$35 for the composition of a peculiar Welsh poem called the "Awdl," the subject being "The Tempest," was awarded to an unknown person with the pseudonym of

The audience voted unanimously to continue the existing mmittee during the coming year, with the view of estab lishing a National Eisteddfod. Telegrams of congratulation were exchanged between the Eisteddfods in session here and in Racine, Wis. The session was closed by the singing by the united chorus of "Rise up, arise," under the directorship of Howell D. Jones, of the Lackawanna Society, of Hyde Ella Montejo.

ELLA MONTEJO is an American histrionic lyric artist of exceptional ability, who made her début upon the concert stage, in 1877, at her native city, Philadelphia, achieving at once success. In the following year (1878) she made her début in English opera in the same city, displaying exceptional dramatic talent, which secured for her at once offers from several managers to travel, which she was unable to accept on account of the illness and subsequent death of a favorite sister, In the meantime she appeared in her native city at the Academy of Music, International Exhibition, a the Philharmonic rehearsals, and other places, always with the same popular favor. In the summer and fall of ncerts in New York at the Academy of Music, Grand Opera House, and Madison Square Garden. At the last two under the direction of Gilmore and Dodworth respectively. In the fall of the same year (1879) she accepted offer from Signor Operti, to create the leading soprano rôle in an English opera, written by himself, and in which she achieved the favor of both public and press in the cities of Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, &c. While on the threshold of her career as a lyric artist she was summoned from the stage to the bed-side of an invalid mother, whom, after eighteen months of unremitting and careful nursing, she followed to the grave, since which she has been in retirement. Miss Montejo belongs to the Italian school, having received her instruction from such masters as Pasquale Rondinella, of Philadelphia. François d'Auria, of New York, and Ettore Barili, the tinguished brother of Adelina Patti. She possesses a voice of rare timbre, power and sympathetic expression, well cul tivated, great dramatic ability, fine stage presence, and ex-ceptional charms of grace and beauty. While her voice is a pure soprano, the middle and lower notes possess the tone and color of a rich contralto, which enables her to sing solos beyond the range of ordinary sopranos. She is essentially a dramatic soprano, and at her best in such roles as Aida of

#### SOCK AND BUSKIN.

.The Madison Square Company was to play at Davenport, Iowa, last night in "The Professor.

.... The Fisher Opera House at West Bay City, Mich., was burned on Monday night of last week, Loss \$20,000; in-

....One of the best companies on the road is said to be the Stevens-Winston Combination, now playing at the Eighth Street Theatre in Philadelphia. Miss Winston and Miss have established themselves as favorites with the Quaker City public, and are well supported by a competent

... During Christmas week the Philadelphians have had John McCullough at the Walnut Street Theatre, Robson and Crane in "Our Bachelors" at the Opera House, and at the Chestnut Street Theatre the "Princess of Bagdad." S. Clarke appeared at the Lyceum in a new comedy, "Elope-Mr. and Mrs. Rankin reappeared at the Arch Street Theatre in "The Danites." "Patience" was presented at the Academy of Music.

.... A beautiful memorial case in memory of Mary Mc-Vicker-Booth, and a Christmas gift from J. H. McVicker to his wife is of ebony, carved and inscribed. The entire case is about eighteen inches high. From the top corners hang poetical tributes to the memory of Mrs. Booth, printed on white satin slips with silver tassels, "The Little Beatrice," by Eugene J. Hall; "Mary McVicker-Booth, her prayer answered," by Mary E. Gilman; "Sympathy," by Fannie Marie Doane; "Mary McVicker-Booth," Stella Upon the top panel of the memorial and just below the handsomely-carved arch, is the inscription: "In memory of Mary McVicker, Mrs. Edwin Booth." Below this is the inscription: "Died November 13, 1881, aged 33 years." At the centre of the memorial there is a glass-covered frame, which contains a marble tablet. On this there is a yellow rose, and clinging to a vine a yellow bird with the natural plumage, holding a pair of crossed keys, tied with a white satin ribbon. Below this is a photograph of Mrs. Booth entwined with a wreath of smilax. The whole tribute is said to be beautiful, and each part contains something understood by the afflicted

....Talent does not always descend from parents to chil-dren, although as a remarkable instance of this the Bach family will always be quoted. Nevertheless, frequent cases are met with where the talent of even one parent has been copiously transmitted to his or her offspring, as the case may A late example quoted is that of the two daughters of the recently deceased M. Lemmens, who lately made their début in Louvain. Mary and Ella Lemmens-Sherrington have been studying under their mother, who is at present professor of singing at the Brussels Conservatoire. They have also received lessons from Mme. Lind-Goldschmidt. Their voices (one soprano, the other contralto) are described as of fine quality. But what is of far greater moment, it is they both have artistic gifts of the first order, and thus are almost certain to acquire much fame in the future. The musical world will watch their artistic progress with more than ordinary interest, because of their parents' recognized position in the world of artists.



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PIANO with a "chromatic keyboard" was on ex-A hibition at the recent Milan Exposition. A well known piano manufacturer on Fourteenth street, this city, tried the same device a few years ago, but up to present time it has made no headway. The "chromatic keyboard" does away with the regular alternate succession of two then three black keys, as also, of course, with two white keys being together. The new keyboard throughout its entire compass is constructed on the principal of a black key following a white key. The jury at the Milan Exposition thought so highly of the new invention that it unanimously awarded it a gold medal. The notation employed for this novel keyboard consists in so many small disks, similar to notes, but without stems, black or white, according as the fingers have to touch black or white keys. The question was asked, whether it was not possible to read musical works from the ordinary notation now in use, and if the mechanical difficulties of fingering were in any way diminished on the "chromatic keyboard," which was answered in the affirmative. It is extremely doubtful, however, whether the new keyboard will ever supersede that now in use, although it is a curiosity.

NOTHER recent and really valuable invention affect-A ing the structure of pianos was represented at the Milan Exhibition. This also has been introduced here by a well-known firm of piano manufacturers. The patent consists of a mechanism by means of which the entire keyboard of a piano can be raised or lowered in pitch three or four semitones (either way) as may be desired. The specimen exhibited at Milan was from the factory of Pleyel, Wolff & Co., Paris, and was denominated the "transposing piano." The mechanism may rightly be said to supply the lack of unusual intelligence and capability of the majority of performers. Every well educated musician is supposed to be au fait in the matter of "transposition," but there are few of these in comparison with the large number to whom "transposition" is hopelessly impossible. The "transposing piano," however, makes transposition easy and accessible to every player, and the Milanese jury, after a thorough trial and inspection of the instrument, unhesitatingly awarded it a gold medal. The "tone-sustaining" pedal was also represented at the Milan Exhibition, and was much admired by the jury. But perfect mechanism can never replace artistic spirituality, and the great artist must always remain as rare as ever.

NEW application of an old idea was recently placed A before the public at a recent small German Exhibi-Although it perhaps concerns artists more than piano manufacturers, yet as it may in time become a eature of every instrument, this new presentation of an often tried and useful device may be placed under the heading of trade matter. The invention in question is by Herr Föhr, and is called the "Elektro-Chemischer Notenschreibapparat." It is an electric apparatus attached to a piano, and is said to write down on a sheet of paper anything played or extemporized on the keyboard. The idea, as before stated, is not in reality new. as there appeared some years ago a highly ingenious ma-chine called the "Pianographe," the invention of M. Guerin, which, on being attached to the piano, indicated, on paper prepared for the purpose, anything played by the pianist. But, although Herr Föhr's device is not a completely new idea, it is said to be the most perfectly carried out of any such mechanism yet produced. sides using electricity, Herr Föhr employs a chemically colored stain, which is one of the chief elements in the faithful registering of what is performed. The apparatus is neither complicated nor elaborate, the battery power lasting a long time, and its renewal costing only a trifle. For artists it is invaluable.

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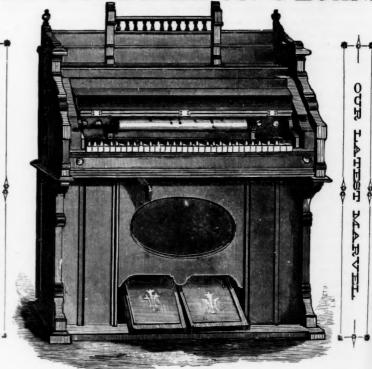
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whose originator it would not be difficult to clearly indi-Where legitimate advertising fails to command sufficient support, other means of a very questionable character have to be resorted to, which in the end, however, succeed in only blinding those who see no farther than their own nose. Sterling manufacturers rely upon their instruments, knowing that they merit and command public attention and appreciation, and in this they do not On the other hand, inferior firms gain notoriety in a no less notorious way, and what purchasers are thus induced to buy discover in the near future the shortsighted policy which forced them to expect a good and reliable instrument for a third of the true cost.

E have received an autograph letter and printed W circular from a piano manufacturer in Stettin, Germany, named C. René. It appears that during Herr René's recent illness his confidential clerk had full control of the business, but proved to be a treacherous employee. In the absence of Herr René this faithless clerk entered into negotiations with a rival piano manufacturer, and eventually enlisted himself in his services, taking with him much private information concerning the regular customers of his former employer. When Herr René was able again to attend to his affairs he began to receive several letters of inquiry from agents who formerly dealt with him, relating matters which proved that his business secrets had been confided to the piano manufacturer who had taken into his employ the clerk who had turned traitor. This piano manufacturer had begun to offer his instruments to René's customers, but they would not enter into business relations with him until they had written to René himself, and thus the fraud became known. After all this, articles were published in several papers calumniating Herr René, the author of which it was easy to indicate. An autograph letter was, therefore, sent by Herr René to the papers in which the articles had appeared, informing the editors that if any article was published after date of receiving the autograph letter, Herr René would prosecute such journals for malicious libel, having full proof to sustain his assertions. From all of which it will be seen that America is not the only country wherein abide and flourish sharpers.

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T seems, from general reports, that our sister country, Canada, is making supreme efforts to cope with American piano and organ manufacturers. This fact will not lessen the confidence we have in the superior excellence of our instruments, and the ability of turning them out more rapidly and at less cost than is possible, for many years to come, by Dominion firms. The factories in Canada are by no means thoroughly equipped with mechanical appliances, else there would not exist the necessity of importing so many parts of instruments, which has to be generally done. By and by the competition may assume serious proportions, but great names will have to become by-words in Canada as our great names are here. But for the tariff no Dominion manufacturer could exist, and even as it is American instruments are cheapest. The manufacture of organs is said to be greater than that of pianos over the border, which is scarcely to be marveled at, seeing that, first, the organ is cheaper than the piano, and, secondly, that primitive taste prefers the more religious instrument. America, having succeeded in rivaling European nations in the art of piano and organ making, there is no need for it to fear an artistic-mechanical conquest by the Dominion.

THE hire and installment system of disposing of pianos and organs is unsatisfactory and complex mough to bother a good many dealers and purchasers. Still it would seem that hirers and purchasers of musical instruments on the installment plan in this country are better off than those doing business in the same way in England. The London and Provincial Music Trades Review says: "If a hirer does not pay the installments with tolerable regularity, the dealer takes back the instrument, allowing nothing for back hire." It adds that the chief difficulty with which the English trade has to deal is with those who hire a piano on the three years' system, pay one installment and "levant." The act is criminal, but it often does not pay to prosecute, and still more often the offender cannot be found. The largest firms do not let on the hire system at all. All this proves that any but a cash business involves risks innumerable, and forces dealers to have recourse to expedients which may seem unnecessarily severe, but which are really demanded for common safety.

... Horace Waters & Co.'s warerooms were emptied six times during the present month, although they were replenished with a large stock each time. The firm has done no rental business for the past two months in consequence of the large number of sales made in that period.

#### NOTES AND ACTIONS

- .... A new music store is to be opened in Holyoke, Mass. .... The Episcopal church, Broad Brook, Conn., has put in a new organ.
- ....On Christmas eve, Sohmer & Co. had not a single piano in their warerooms.
- . .. J. N. Billings, of Billings & Co., last week made a great improvement on his patent pedal-guard.
- .... A judgment for \$368 has been rendered against C. L. Kneeland, musical instrument dealer, Franklin, N. Y.
- ....Jacobs Brothers are very busy, and report, that from present indications, their future prospects are very brilliant.
- .... The Ithaca Organ and Piano Company, as will be seen from its advertisement in another column, wants several good piano action and tone regulators.
- ....Lindeman & Son have orders on hand to keep them busy for over a month, and to make them work nights besides. The firm did a large retail trade last week.
- ....Strauch Brothers are still working nights, so as to fill the orders which have been accumulating. The increase in the firm's business this year has far exceeded its anticipa-
- ....Rufus W, Blake, of the Sterling Organ Company, Derby, Conn., returned on Saturday last from a tour through est. During his trip he visited Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland and other principal cities.
- ....The warerooms of the Mechanical Orguinette Company crowded every evening last week with customers, and an immense number of sales were made. This firm shipped a large order to Hong Kong this week.
- .... The fire which recently took place in the Congregational Church, Davenport, Iowa, destroyed the fine pipe organ made by the Lancashire and Turner Organ Company of Moline (Moline Pipe Organ Company).
- ....A. Weber's Chicago house sold during the month of November sixty-three Weber pianos, against forty-seven during the previous month. The managers of the concern, Messrs. Curtis and Mayer, report the prospects for this enterprise far beyond their anticipations at the start.
- ...Billings & Co. have in course of preparation their first three unison square pianos, which, it is claimed, will be equal to any similar instruments in the city. This house is also making a new scale upright, which, it is said, will excel any upright piano ever produced by this house.
- ....One of Sohmer & Co.'s concert grands was used at a musical festival given by the Simpson Methodist Church, Claremont and Willoughby avenues, Brooklyn, on last Monday evening. On prior like occasions the members of this congregation used the firm's pianos, and were each time so highly pleased with them that they secure them whenever they require such instruments.
- ....Weser Brothers have enlarged their factory by the addition of an adjacent building, and have employed several ore men, so that their manufacturing facilities are increased fully one-third. They now expect to produce sixteen pianos per week, and are at present working until midnight, so as to fill their orders in time. With a view of further increasing its business, the firm is negotiating for a large building, which is intended to be solely used as a case-making factory.
- ....I. Burns Brown will form a connection with the American Automatic Organ Company, 100 Milk street, Boston, on and after January 1. He will have full control throughout the United States in establishing the wholesale trade of a new attachment, which, when applied to a piano or organ, will, it is said, cause it to play any tune ever published, by means of perforated sheets. Mr. Brown will also have a wareroom in Fourteenth street, this city, which will be his headquarters, and will control the retail trade of this article in New York and vicinity.
- ....Owing to a great increase of business, Billings & Co. have enlarged their factory by an extension of 25x40 feet. The firm now has facilities for producing fully one-third more instruments than before the addition was made. The factory has also been recently painted, and in other ways renovated, which has improved its appearance to a great extent. About July 1 J. N. Billings became its superintendent, and since then all the instruments produced by this house show, it is said, a marked improvement both in appearance and quality. The best material that can be procured is used in their construction
- ....E. H. McEwen, of E. H. McEwen & Co., who have recently opened a wareroom for the sale of pianos and organs at 9 West Fourteenth street, came to New York in 1861 with J. M. Pelton, who then represented C. Peloubet & Son. In 1866, when the firm of Peloubet, Pelton & Co. was formed, he became the wareroom salesman. In 1868 he went on the road as traveling representative of the house, and in 1872 he secured a small interest in the concern, and after its dissolution he managed the business during Mr. absence in Europe. In his present enterprise Mr. McEwen has a silent partner with large means, and it is said that when the safe is closed at night the firm does not owe a dollar. The house manages the New York warerooms of the Sterling Organ Company, and it has sold ninety-two organs since gan Company, and it has sold ninety-two organs since whole can be rendered by average choirs. It might have been better to have changed the signature of the key on

next year at least 2,000 organs. The firm asserts that it will offer to the trade an organ that is second to none, and at a price that will defy competition. As Mr. McEwen has had twenty years of practical experience, and is well known in the trade as a man who keeps his word and is always ready to help a friend; besides, being genial, pleasant and affable there is no doubt that he will win his way to success. The warerooms of the firm are excellently lighted and are well laid out. Mr. McEwen's bookkeeper and confidential clerk is Daniel Van De Water, who was for some time manager of the foreign shipment department of Peloubet & Co.

... The agents of the insurance companies in which B. N. Smith held policies on his factory have appraised the amount of damages done by the recent fire in that building. All of the stock in process of preparation is a total loss, but the machinery is only damaged by water. It is expected that the insurance will be adjusted by the time The Course reaches the trade, and that the factory will be in running order in about two weeks after. Mr. Smith is receiving sympathetic letters from his customers throughout the country, and there is no doubt that he can not only hold his own trade but that he can supply all other orders soon after the holidays. It must be remembered that he has a drying-house full of lumber for use when the factory is ready for

#### FOREIGN TRADE ITEMS.

The following items are from the last issue of the London Musical Opinion and Music Trade Review

- ....John Brinsmead & Sons are again enlarging their showin Wigmore street by the addition of the adjoining house (No. 22).
- .The old firm of Broadwood & Sons completed lately their 169,768th piano, consisting of grands (including 1,000 harpsichords), 39.644; uprights, 65,963; table-shaped (not made after 1864), 64,161.
- ... At the Stuttgart Exhibition gold medals were awarded to Kaim & Günther (pianos), Trayser & Co. (harmoniums), and M. Weigle (organs). Dürner & Son, of Stuttgart, and Herr Duysen, of Berlin, were hors de combat.
- ...E. Barnes writes that he has arranged for the sole agency of the Bay State organs. They are asserted to be the best and cheapest in the market, and those Mr. Barnes has already sold are stated to have given the highest satisfaction.
- .... At the Stuttgart Exhibition Schiedmayer & Söhne (as also did R. Lipp & Son) were awarded a special diploma The senior partner of the first-named, Adolph Schiedmayer has been appointed president of the Royal Council of Com-
- ....H. Lawrence Harris has in the press a set of books for pianoforte dealers capable of showing their yearly financial condition; the number of pianos on hire; also the condition of the account between dealer and hirer on the three-years
- ....We are informed that Mr. Haake will, in the course of next year, be fixing new steel and brass pin-plates to all pianos so ordered at a little extra cost. This maker also promises three new models—a tri-chord overstrung cottage, new upright and a new overstrung upright grand (four fe six inches high).
- .... The baton presented to Herr Meyer Lutz, last month, was manufactured by Köhler & Son, of Victoria street, Westminster. It is made of a perfect piece of African ivory, with a carved handle in relief, representing a Roman damsel carrying a lighted lamp. The uper part is encircled with a golden serpent, bearing an appropriate presentation inscription. The baton reflects great credit upon the firm.
- ... Ouitmann & Co., of 132 Queen Victoria street, have undertaken the sole agency for Great Britain of the "Seebold castors, a new German invention, the yearly production of which already exceeds 150,000. They are much used on the Continent, and are said to reduce friction to a minimum, which is effectuated by means of an invisible grease-box. The prices at which these castors are offered certainly make them worth inquiring about.

#### NEW MUSIC.

[Music publishers throughout the country are requested to forward all their new publications for review. Careful attention will be given and candid and able opinions will be expressed upon them. It need only be said that this department will be under the care of a thorough musician.]

Ed. Schuberth & Co., New York City.

- No. 1 .- There is nothing new in this "venite," yet it is so well written and is so generally effective that it may well receive attention at the hands of choir leaders. The introduction to the soprano solo, "O come, let us worship," is very similar to a phrase in the last act of "Les Huguenots," where Marcel marries Raoul and Valentine, the accompani-

ment being only a bass clarinet.

No. 2.—This "Te Deum" is well planned and written with a musician's skill. Several parts are effective, and the

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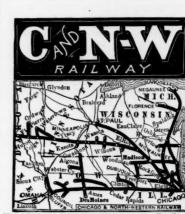
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